

**15810. Misbranding of Pinkolo ointment. U. S. v. 20 Dozen Packages of Pinkolo Ointment. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 22494. I. S. No. 20737-x. S. No. 610.)**

On March 8, 1928, the United States attorney for the District of Porto Rico, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 20 dozen packages of Pinkolo ointment, at Mayaguez, P. R., alleging that the article had been shipped by Gabriel J. Fajardo, of New York, N. Y., on or about April 30, 1926, to Porto Rico, and that it was being offered for sale and sold in Porto Rico, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of zinc oxide, mercuric oxide, and camphor in an ointment base.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements in Spanish borne on the labeling, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Carton label, translation) "For the treatment of acute and chronic skin and scalp diseases. \* \* \* For eczema, psoriasis, pruritus of the anus, herpes, blepharitis, trachoma, chronic and syphilitic ulcers. For the treatment of acne, syccosis, pimples, scab, burns, alopecia, hemorrhoids. \* \* \* In severe and persistent cases \* \* \* For pruritus of the anus;" (tube label, translation) "For the treatment of diseases of the scalp and skin;" (circular, translation) "For the efficacious treatment of cutaneous inflammations, parasitic affections of the skin \* \* \* indolent ulcers, infected wounds, chancroids \* \* \* and for alleviating severe itching. \* \* \* Pinkolo possesses marked antiseptic properties which liberate the skin from infective germs and parasites. These are the causes of many external inflammations which lead to diseases of the skin. Pinkolo eliminates the cause—Pinkolo stimulates the tissues which have hardened up, renewing their activity, so that the hardened, reddish, and swelled parts, especially around old ulcers and chronic inflammations, return to their normal state. Pinkolo stimulates and revives the skin—Due to its alleviating action, Pinkolo softens and protects the affected parts thus hastening their healing. Pinkolo \* \* \* cures the skin. Pinkolo ointment is the indicated treatment for inflamed, scabby, hardened, or swelled skin; or whenever there are signs of infection \* \* \*. After washing the wound, ulcer, or other affection with recently boiled water, apply Pinkolo \* \* \*. For stimulating the cicatrization—In old ulcers and chronic affections of the skin \* \* \*. Special Use—Eczema—It heals up promptly with applications of Pinkolo \* \* \*. Pustules and Boils \* \* \* All bacterial infection \* \* \* For those cases, Pinkolo is the ideal ointment \* \* \*. Although Pinkolo is very active in its curative properties; old or chronic affections require an extensive and persistent treatment. Use Pinkolo Ointment from the start of the disease if further infirmities are to be avoided. Pinkolo Ointment has given good results in Guao infection and other poisonous plants \* \* \* anal or vulvar pruritus, syphilitic, varicose and other ulcers, \* \* \* use it twice a day until healing starts \* \* \* Pinkolo \* \* \* prevents the spreading of the disease. \* \* \* use it freely at the first sign of skin affection."

On or about April 18, 1928, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**15811. Misbranding of compound Neovigor tablets. U. S. v. 93 Bottles of Compound Neovigor Tablets. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 22495. I. S. No. 20736-x. S. No. 611.)**

On March 8, 1928, the United States attorney for the District of Porto Rico, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 93 bottles of compound Neovigor tablets, at Ponce, P. R., alleging that the article had been shipped by the North American Drug Co., of New York, N. Y., on or about September 10, 1927, to Porto Rico, and that it was being offered for sale and sold in Porto Rico by Moscoso Hno. & Co., Ponce, P. R., and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of sugar-coated pills containing chromium sulphate and phenolphthalein.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements, regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Carton label, translation) "'Neovigor' \* \* \* Neurasthenia, general debility, rickets, lack of vigor, physical exhaustion, weakness, convalescence, cerebrum and nerves;" (bottle label) "'Neovigor';" (circular, translation) "'Neovigor' \* \* \* For invigorating the cerebrum and nerves; neurasthenia; general debility; sexual debility; weakness and convalescence. 'Neovigor' and the Nervous System— \* \* \* man \* \* \* has given way to certain diseases which are the result of the excessive rapidity and constant agitation which modern necessities have imposed upon him. Among the most notable and most common is Neurasthenia. Neurasthenia is the result of nervous exhaustion and cerebral debility which manifests itself by a state of melancholy which eventually affects the entire system. In treating neurasthenia, it is necessary to invigorate the nerves and fortify the cerebrum by means of a remedy that may be able to restore the lost energy and that would give new strength and vigor to the organism. Compound 'Neovigor' is a revitalizing tonic which affords the necessary elements in fortifying the cerebrum and nerves and a powerful agent in treating neurasthenia. General Debility—General debility is a state of exhaustion of all the organic forces. When the organism is weak, it is in a position to contract any disease, because of the lack of sufficient vigor by the body to repel the attacks of the germs. Mental exhaustion, fatigue from hard work and study, excesses, preoccupations, etc., are generally the cause of general debility. Persons desiring to keep up their health should take a reconstituent tonic on time, thus helping to save their energies; but as a rule they wait too long to do it. Neovigor is an excellent nutritive tonic for the nervous system and checking general debility in all its forms. It fortifies the cerebrum and provides a restful sleep, instead of the restless sleep so common in persons suffering from nervous debility. Neovigor is a powerful reconstituent. It strengthens up weak persons and produces new energies and vigor. Sexual Debility—The lack of virility makes a man miserable and disgraceful. One of the most common signs of sexual debility or nervous exhaustion is spermatorrhea or nocturnal emissions, which if overlooked by the patient, eats up the vitality of the body, thus producing the general exhaustion of the cerebrum and nervous system. A healthful and virile man always leads and wins—he has energies and vigor. A man without vigor is like a dead plant; he has neither happiness nor ambitions. The lack of virility may also be due to other causes, such as excesses during younger days, alcoholic excesses, organic waste, etc. Neovigor fortifies the nervous system, nourishes the system and aids in recovering the lost energies, virility, and strength. Diseases of Women—Neovigor exercises a powerful influence in correcting the functional and constitutional ailments of women. It exercises a special tonic action over the nervous system, and it is indicated in cases of menstrual irregularities, leucorrhea or whites, hysteria, pains in the back and groin, and in many other analogous cases when these irregularities are due to nervous disorders. The majority of the diseases of women are of a chronic nature, the principal causes of these ailments being due to general debility and nervous exhaustion. Nature has provided that the monthly period, in normal cases, should take place every twenty eight days, therefore, when it is painful and irregular, it indicates some kind of trouble in the system. Women suffering from painful menstruation, will always be in a state of nervousness and ill humor and will be easily vexed. They are the victims of migraine and hysteria. Leucorrhea or whites is one of the most common symptoms of menstrual irregularity, due to the incapacity of the nerves to stimulate the secretion of the ovaries; it may also be due to inflammation or congestion of the womb or the vagina. There are many other causes, such as general debility, excessive mental work, lack of cleanliness, pregnancy, abortion, carelessness during parturition, excesses, and others. Generally, leucorrhea follows all the disorders of the genital organs which weaken and overturn the nervous system. Thin Persons—Neovigor is an excellent tonic for thin persons. Convalescents, anemics and all infirm, weak, and rachitic persons will find that Compound Neovigor will be of great value to them for recovering their strength and health. \* \* \* The formula of Neovigor com-

prises \* \* \* ingredients scientifically combined to insure an ideal remedy for fortifying the cerebrum and nerves. It is a nervine food \* \* \*. When some improvement is shown, the night dose may be omitted."

On or about April 18, 1928, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**15812. Misbranding of Ferrasal. U. S. v. 10 Gross of Drugs Labeled in Part Ferrasal. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. No. 22737. I. S. No. 24457-x. S. No. 738.)

On May 2, 1928, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 10 gross of drugs labeled in part "Ferrasal," remaining in the original unbroken packages at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Crown Remedy Co., from Dallas, Texas, on or about March 6, 1928, and transported from the State of Texas into the State of New York, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of magnesium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, an iron compound, and starch, flavored with mint and colored pink.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: "For Acute Indigestion, Headaches, \* \* \* Dysentery, and Bowel Complaints in adults or children. Ferrasal gives quick relief \* \* \* For Chronic Indigestion, Constipation, Kidney and Bladder Trouble \* \* \* Dizziness, Bumpy Face, and Dull Headache resulting from acid poisons. Ferrasal will give relief if taken according to directions. Ferrasal \* \* \* strikes at the source of the numerous health troubles caused by an over-accumulation of acid poisons in the system and blood. \* \* \* 'The Sign of Good Health' \* \* \* Stops Indigestion Now! For Stomach, Liver, and Kidneys \* \* \* For Acute Indigestion take \* \* \* Repeat hourly until relieved. For severe or Chronic Indigestion \* \* \* Also take \* \* \* after any meal that fails to assimilate properly. \* \* \* In cases of Dysentery, Bowel Complaint, and Ptomaine Poisoning call your Physician and take \* \* \* immediately. \* \* \* Then take \* \* \* until the condition is corrected. For Chronic Acid Conditions—Colon Trouble, Blood Disorders, Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, etc., \* \* \* Take regularly until condition has become normal. In severe cases \* \* \* Ferrasal is absolutely harmless \* \* \* healing \* \* \* If baby \* \* \* spits up food give \* \* \* Ferrasal."

On May 24, 1928, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**15813. Misbranding of 999 nerve tonic, Prescription 999 and Prescription 999 astringent wash. U. S. v. 11 Boxes of 999 Nerve Tonic, et al. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. Nos. 22362, 22364. I. S. Nos. 23479-x to 23482-x, incl. S. Nos. 363, 364.)

On January 10, 1928, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying seizure and condemnation of 14 boxes of 999 nerve tonic, 5 boxes of Prescription 999, and 5 boxes of Prescription 999 astringent wash, in part at Milwaukee, Wis., and in part at Manitowoc, Wis., alleging that the articles had been shipped by the Combination Remedy Co., from Pittsburgh, Pa., in part October 31, 1927, and in part November 5, 1927, and transported from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Wisconsin, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analyses of samples of the articles by this department showed that the 999 nerve tonic consisted essentially of zinc phosphide, calcium sulphate, and extracts of plant drugs including nux vomica and damiana, that Prescription 999 consisted essentially of volatile oils, including nutmeg, santal, and cubeb oils, copaiba balsam, and a fatty oil, and that Prescription 999 astringent wash con-